

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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December 2, 2016

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## **Special Council Meeting with Hartford**

**Mayor Luke Bronin:** West Hartford residents are invited to join the Town Council for a conversation with Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 50 South Main Street.

With downtown residential units filling up, UCONN opening a new campus, and commuter rail service set to begin in 2018, Hartford is a city with lots of potential. But Hartford is also facing a massive and urgent budget crisis, with a deficit of \$50 million next year and even larger deficits projected in the years ahead.

This is a chance to talk directly with Mayor Bronin about both the opportunities and the challenges facing our Capital City - and West Hartford's next door neighbor.

**Holiday Safety Message from WHPD:** The West Hartford Police Department wishes everyone a safe holiday season, but also wants to remind residents and visitors to enjoy the holidays responsibly. The department began deploying special enforcement details on Thanksgiving and will continue to do so throughout the holiday season.

There will be dedicated DWI enforcement patrols and "Click-it-or-Ticket" patrols. These details are funded in part by a grant from CT DOT Highway Safety Office.

**MS4 Annual Report submitted, public comment sought:** On December 1, the Town of West Hartford submitted its 2016 Annual Report for the Discharge of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Over the past year, the Town completed several components of its Storm Water Management Plan, which are identified individually by each of the six minimum control measures.

In the next month, a consultant will be hired to produce a new Storm Water Management Plan

for the upcoming Connecticut DEEP's MS4 permit. With the new plan in place, West Hartford will increase its efforts to improve storm water quality.

The public has 30 days to review the 2016 MS4 Annual Report. Please direct your comments and questions to Town Engineer Duane Martin by emailing [DuaneM@westhartfordct.gov](mailto:DuaneM@westhartfordct.gov), or calling 860-561-7540. The deadline for submissions is January 1, 2017.

## **National Influenza Vaccination Week,**

**December 4-10:** Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes death. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. A flu vaccination (flu shot) is the best way to protect yourself and those around you from getting sick.

Take these three actions to prevent the flu:

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine. It only takes a few minutes to be protected.
2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs by hand washing and covering your cough.
3. Take flu antiviral drugs, if your health care provider prescribes them.

Flu vaccinations are still available at the West Hartford/Bloomfield Health District. Call 860-561-7900 for an appointment.

**Parent Leadership Training:** The Bridge Family Center is now accepting registrations for its Parent Leadership Training Institute. This is a high-level, yet free, 20-week program that teaches local adults how to advocate for the needs of youth and families. On average, 25 people participate and each member chooses a community project on which to focus. PLTI is open to anyone who lives and/or works in West Hartford and cares about children. Call Deborah Zipkin to learn more at 860-929-5575.

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